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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | | | Docket Number (Optional) | | |
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| | (Face | FY 2009 pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, | SHP-PT099 | SHP-PT099 | | |
| App | | Number 10/564,598 | Filed May 18, 2006 | Filed May 18, 2006 | | |
| For PROBE FOR AN ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE | | | | | | |
| Art | Unit 285 | 56 | Examiner Robert R. F | Examiner Robert R. Raevis | | |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filling a reply in the above identified application. | | | | | | |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): | | | | | | |
| | | | Fee | Small Entity Fee | | |
| | | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$130 | \$65 | s | |
| | | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$490 | \$245 | s | |
| | V | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1110 | \$555 | s 555.00 | |
| | | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1730 | \$865 | s | |
| | | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2350 | \$1175 | s | |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. | | | | | | |
| | A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. | | | | | |
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| <u></u> | The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 220493 | | | | | |
| | WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. | | | | | |
| am the applicant/inventor. | | | | | | |
| | assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96). | | | | | |
| | attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 51,208 | | | | | |
| | attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 | | | | | |
| | /Douglas J. Bucklin/ | | Decembe | December 9, 2008 | | |
| | Signature | | | | Date | |
| | Douglas J. Bucklin | | | 215-5 | 215-568-6400 | |
| | Typed or printed name | | | Telephoi | Telephone Number | |
| NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below. | | | | | | |
| Total of forms are submitted. | | | | | | |

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